(e) the number of historians in service and those out of them who have since retired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The ICHR have reverted to the scales of pay of Directors and Deputy Directors approved by the Government with effect from 01/01/1986. These pay-scales were revised in April, 1992 by the Council without Government's approval. The revocation of the Council's unauthorised scale of pay for a section of the staff does not amount to any reduction of pay.

(c) There are no guidelines in this regard.

(d) and (e) The decision to revert to the approved scale of pay covers 11 persons only, 3 of whom have since retired.

[English]

Study on School Education

1857. SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent study on teacher training institutions carried out by NCERT;

(b) if so, the salient features of the study; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Teacher Education and Extension of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has conducted a pilot study on Human Resource Development (HRD) climate in 15 District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) in the States of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Delhi. The purpose of the study was to find out the quality of HRD climate in these institutions.

(c) NCERT is planning a status study of all the DIETs in the country as a follow-up of the above study so that strategies can be formulated to improve the functioning of these institutions.

Instrumental Landing System at Bhopal Airport

1858. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Instrumental Landing System (ILS) is not working at Bhopal airport;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) the other airports which have no such facilities or where ILS is not functioning there; and

(d) the steps the Government have taken to restore the same in Bhopal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a), (b) and (d) All systems of Instrumental Landing System (ILS) are working satisfactorily at Bhopal airport. The glide path was withdrawn on 30.11.93 due to runway extension work. With the extension of runway, the glide path had to be relocated. This facility is expected to be calibrated and commissioned by the end of August, 1997.

(c) Provision of ILS at an airfield depends upon visibility conditions, type of terrain around the airport, and the type of aircraft operated. ILS facility has been provided at 28 airports and AAI has plans to instal this facility at 6 more airports by the middle of 1998.

[Translation]

Consumption of Petroleum Products

1859. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :
SHRIMATI PURNIMA VARMA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of special steps taken by the Government to minimise the consumption of petrol and petroleum products;

(b) whether the opinion of public and industrialists was sought and considered before taken decision in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the impact of rules and regulations regarding petrol and petroleum products issued recently on the consumption of petrol and petroleum products has been evaluated; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Renewal of Modiluft's Licence

1860. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "DGCA won't renew Modiluft's licence" appearing in the 'Economic Times' dated December 21, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the renewing Modiluft's licence;

(d) the other private airlines which are still operating without licence;

(e) the airlines which have not applied for fresh licences inspite of expiry of their licences along with the reasons therefor;

(f) the total private air-operators at present operating in the country and the number out of them which are under fault; and

(g) the steps being taken by the Government to allow more airlines to operate?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) M/s. Modiluft Airlines does not have the aircraft for operating air services, which is a prior requirement for renewal of the permit.

(d) No airlines can operate air transport services without a valid operating permit.

(e) None.

(f) Out of seven private scheduled airlines four are not operating at present.

(g) In April, 1997, a new policy on domestic air transport services was formulated which removed the barriers to entry and exist from this sector.

[Translation]

Farakka Barrage

1861. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to construction of Farakka Barrage on river Gangas in 1975, several lakh acres of land in nothern India has become barren as a result of which the movement of sea fishes in the river has stopped;

(b) whether the Union Government have taken or proposed to take any action to overcome this problem;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c) No Sir. The aspect of migration of Hilsa fish through fish lock gates of the Farakka Barrage was investigated by Central Inland Capture Fisheries Research Institute (CICFRI), Barrackpore. It was observed that the existing fish local gates of Farakka Barrage were inadequate for migration of hilsa fish across the barrage.

Accordingly, it was decided that a Hilsa hatchery alongwith ponds, laboratory, stores etc. be established on the left bank adjacent to Farakka Barrage. Central Inland Capture Fisheries Research Institute (CICFRI) has started conducting research on breeding of Hilsa fish upstream of Farakka Barrage.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Examination Reforms

1862. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3519 dated March 17, 1997 regarding examination reforms and state :

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The relevant information is still awaited from the University of Delhi and the University Grants Commission. Any further action in the matter would be possible only after the same is received. The Government has, however, initiated extensive dialogues on the subject of Examination Reforms generally.

[Translation]

Kendriya Vidyalayas

1863. SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH :
DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI :
SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals relating to Kendriya Vidyalayas pending with the Government for approval, State-wise;

(b) the time by which approval is likely to be granted to them; and

(c) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas proposed to be set up in the Ninth Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) A Statement indicating the number of proposals received from sponsoring agencies and pending for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the Country (State-wise) is annexed.

(b) and (c) Kendriya Vidyalayas are opened on the basis of receipt of suitable and complete proposals, inter alia, offering suitable land, temporary building and other infrastructural facilities from the user agencies. For 1997-98, 20 Kendriya Vidyalayas have been sanctioned.